

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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| 1. DATE 29 Jan 58 | 2. LOCATION Vicinity of Bitburg, Germ. | 12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical Meteor <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown |
| 3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 29/0625Z | 4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar | |
| 5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | 6. SOURCE F-86 Pilot Military (Ground) | |
| 7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 4 secs | 8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one | 9. COURSE NE to SW |
| 10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Obj w/bluish fluorescent light w/a trail of flame observed at approx 40,000 ft by pilot flying at 29,000 ft. Pilot stated that it produced a blinding flash before it disappeared. | | 11. COMMENTS Color, characteristics, maneuver, time duration, etc. are all those of a true bolide (fireball). As has often been shown w/airborne observations, the atmospheric haze in high alts heightens the illusion of color contrasts & nearness. (See Dr. Olivier's & Dr. La Paz's rpts on fireballs) |

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/ [REDACTED] / CITE 36 OPI 0116. SUBJ: (UFOB)
PER USAF REGULATION 205-2, 1. UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT (THE FOLG IN
IN 9 LINES A THRU I)
A BALL B BASKETBALL C INTENSE BLUE-WHITE, RED TAIL D NEG E NEG
F NEG G TAIL FIERRY RED, 2 1/2 TIMES DIAMETER OF FIREBALL H NEG-
CAR WINDOW CLOSED I NEG, 2 DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT
(IN 6 LINES A THRU F)
A CHANCE OBSERVATION B APPROX 70 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON, AXIMUTH
APPROX 45 DEGREES TRUE C APPROXIMATELY 20 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON,
AXIMUTH APPROX 10 DEGREES TRUE D FLIGHT PATH APPROX 310 TO 315
DEGREES TRUE, DESCENDING AT APPROX 40 TO 50 DEGREE ANGLE E APPEARED
TO BURN OUT F3 TO 4 SECONDS. 3 MANNER OF OBSERVATION (THE FOLG IN
4 LINES A THRU C)
A GROUND VISUAL OBSERVER WAS PASSENGER IN MOTOR VEHICLE B PROCEEDING
NORTH ON HIGHWAY 51, SOUTH OF HELLNBURG, GER C NEG D NEG 4 TIME AND
DATE OF SIGHTING. A 29/2625Z B PRE-DAWN CLLAR SUNRISE 0739A TWILIGHT
0704 A 5 LOCATION OF OBSERVER. A UTM 32 U LA 2375/ 2540,

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B 4953 N 0633E 6 IDENTIFYING INFO OF OBSERVER A NEG B ROBERT W RIGBY,
A/2C AF 145548 AIA 7, 36 COMM SQDN APO 132, NY AFSC 29253, HIGHLY
RELIABLE A 7 WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT A CLEAR, DRY PLUS 22FB SURFACE
WIND DIRECTION 090 VELOCITY 4 KNOTS TEMPERATURE-6C. (THIS IS STILL
UNDER B 7 LINES 4 COLMS)
LINE 1, 6000 FT, 180, 15, PLUS 5C.
LINE 2, 10000 FT, 180, 15, -2C.
LINE 3, 16000 FT, 170, 25, -9C.
LINE 4, 20000 FT, 150, 35, -22C.
LINE 5, 30, 000 FT, 140, 45, -45C.
LINE 6, 50000 FT, 030, 20, -61C.
LINE 7 80000 FT, NEG, NEG, NEG, IC CEILING CLLAR D VISIBILITY 8 MILES
E CLOUD COVER NEG F THUNDERSTORMS IN AREA NEG 8 NEG 9 NEG. 10, 5
F-86DS OF 525 FXS WERE AIRBORNE AT TIME OF SIGHTING, SIGHTING CONFIRMED
BY 2 PILOTS IN 525 FIS MSG 525 FIS 025. THIS DATE, 11,
WING INTEL OFFICER, 36 FDW, BITBURG AB GERMANY. EVALUATION
A-1 A OBSERVER IS A STABLE, INTELLIGENT AND RELIABLE INDIVIDUAL.
THIS SIGHTING HAS BEEN CONFIRMED BY THE GERMAN FEDERAL RADIO
SERVICE. AS OF 29/1500Z, THE OBSERVED TRACK CROSSED THE RUHR VALLEY,
PART OF HOLLAND AND DENMARK. WHERE THE OBJECT REPORTEDLY EXPLODED, END
31/1515Z

1. Plane - white
2. Heavy tail
3. Resembling arc - from
4. 20' above horizon
5. 3-4 seconds
6. Exploded

All characteristics
described are
flight path
those of a true missile
and number of
last reported
being the goal

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[REDACTED] / CITE CONF 525 FIS/INTL 525.
UFOB REPORT. THE FOLLOWING UFOB REPORT IS SUBMITTED IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF PAR 7, APP 200-2, 12 AUG 54.
PAR 1A: ROUND WITH TRAILING FLAME. PAR 1B: BASKET BALL, WITH
A PROPORTION AND TRAIL OF APPROXIMATELY 10 FT. PAR 1C: A
BRIGHT, FLUORESCENT, COLOR. PAR 1D: 1(1). PAR 1E: NOT
APPLICABLE. PAR 1F: NEGATIVE. PART 1G: THE UFOB WAS TRAILING
A TRAIL (SEE PAR 1E). PAR 1H: NEGATIVE. PAR 2: NEGATIVE.
PAR 2A: UFOB WAS INITIALLY OBSERVED DUE TO AN EXPLOSIVE TYPE
BEST PRO OR BLINDING FLASH (THAT WAS SUDDENLY OBSERVED THROUGH
NO SOUND WAS HEARD). IT WAS NOT VISIBLE A FEW MOMENTS
EARLIER AS THE PARTICULAR AREA IN WHICH IT APPEARED HAD JUST
BEEN PREVIOUSLY SCANNED BY THE PILOTS. PAR 2B: ESTIMATED TO BE
AT APPROXIMATELY 43, 000 FT ON APPEARANCE, AND THEN SEEMED
TO FALL AT A 45 DEGREE ANGLE TOWARD THE EARTH, FROM A
NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION TO THE SOUTHWEST. PART 2 C:
DISAPPEARED AT APPROXIMATELY 33, 000 FT, THE LIGHT (OR FIRE)
BURNING AT THAT ALTITUDE. PART 2D: SEE PAR 2B, ABOVE.
NO MANEUVERS WERE EFFECTED BY THE UFOB. PART 2E: FADING OUT (C)

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(BOVE PARAGRAPH). PAR 2F: ESTIMATED AT 4(4) SECONDS.
PART 3A: AIR-VISUAL. PART 3B. NEGATIVE. PA 3C: 7351 MP
1-3335: ALTITUDE 29200 FT. HEADING 035 DEGREES: SPEED 280 IAS:
TBUFG ALGERMANY. PAR 4A: 293525Z JAN 58. PAR4B: NIGHT
OFFICIAL SUNRISE FOR 29 JAN 58 WAS 0733Z. PA 5: 52:332: NOVEMBER
07:322Z. UFOB WAS ESTIMATED TO BE APPROXIMATELY 200 NM NORTH OF
THIS POSITION. PAR 6A: NOT APPLICABLE. PAR 6B: ROBERT B WEINARD
MAJOR USAF 525FIS COMMANDER OF UNIT. 1XLT
25 FIS PILOT. BOTH OFFICERS ARE CONSIDERED MATURE, EXCELLENT
VISION, AND ARE THOROUGHLY RELIABLE. PAR 7A: 140:3 AT 45 KNOTS.
WEATHER WAS CLEAR AND VISIBILITY UNLIMITED. PAR 7B SURF:
00 DEGREES AT 4KN: 50000 FT: 000 DEGREES AT 15 KN: 10000 FT 150
DEGREES AT 35 KN: 50000 FT: 140 DEGREES AT 45 KN 50000 FT:
30 DEGREES AT 20 KN: 50000 FT: NOT AVAILABLE PAR 7C:
NONE PAR 7 D: UNLIMITED. PAR 7E: NONE. PAR 7F: NONE.
PAR 1: NEGATIVE. PAR 9: NOT APPLICABLE. THE DURATION OF THE
SIGHTING OF THE UFOB WAS SO BRIEF AS TO PRECLUDE ANY ACTION ON
THE PART OF THE INTERCEPTOR. PAR 10: UNKNOWN. AS FAR AS CAN BE
ASCERTAINED. THE UFOB WAS NONE IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY.
PAR 11: UFOB WAS ESTIMATED TO BE APPROXIMATELY 200 NM DUE NORTH OF
THE SIGHTING ACFT WHEN INITIALLY OBSERVED. DUE TO THE BRIEF PERIOD
UFOB WAS OBSERVED. THEN THE (DARKNESS), AND THE TOTAL ABSENCE
OF FEATURES, NO CONCLUSION CAN BE EFFECTED AS TO
IDENTIFICATION, CLASS OR EXPLANATION OF THE SIGHTING. HOWEVER,

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DUE TO THE INITIAL BRILLIANCE OF THE UFOB'S APPEARANCE
(AS IN AN EXPLSION): THE SPEED AT WHICH IT TRAVELED FROM
3000 FT TO 3000 ON A 45 DEGREE TRAJECTORY (4 SECONDS):
THE DIRECTION FROM WHICH IT APPEARED: AND THE UNLIMITED
VISIBILITY EXISTANCE AT THE TIME, THE FOLLOWING MAY BE
ESTIMATED: A. IT WAS NO MA METEOR. B IT IS NOT BELIEVED TO HAVE
BEEN THE EXPLSION OF AN IN-FLIGHT AIRCRAFT DUE TO THE COLOR OF
THE LIGHT DESCRIBED: AN ACFTS FIRE WOULD HAVE MORE OF A RED
OR OR ORANGE COLOR DUE TO THE TYPE OF FUEL. C. THE UFOB COULD
POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN A SOVIET ROCKET OR MISSILE, BEING TEST FIRED,
WHEREWHICH CONTROL HAD BEEN LOST: AS THE CONTROLLING FACTOR NO LONGER
EXISTED THE UFOB (MISSILE OR ROCKET) MAY HAVE BEEN EXPLODED FROM
REMOTE CONTROL. PAR 12: NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE EXISTS.
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY PREPARING OFFICER: UNLESS REQUESTED,
NO FURTHER REPORT OF SUBJECT UFOB SIGHTING WILL BE SUBMITTED.
INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS COMMUNICATION IS CONSIDERED TO BE ALL
THE DATA OBTAINABLE, AT THIS INTELLIGENCE LEVEL, OF THE UFOB
SIGHTING DESCRIBED. INFORMATION REGARDING THIS UFOB SIGHTING
WAS ALSO REPORTED IN A GROUND SIGHTING UFOB ELECTRICALLY
TRANSMITTED REPORT SUBMITTED BY THE 36 FDN BITBURG GER
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1. an explosive type light was produced or a blinding flash the size of a basketball, with a proportion and trail approx. 10', seen for about 4 seconds.
2. The color of the light was bluish, fluorescent.
3. estimated at approx. 40,000' and then seemed to fall at a 45° angle, from NE to SW.
4. disappeared at approx. 30,000';
5. F-86D at 29,000' hdg. 035° Sped 280 IND. A. SP.
BITBURG AB, GERMANY at 29 0625 Jan 58.
6. $50^\circ 032' N - 07^\circ 022' E$ position of a/cft.
Position of UFO was approx 200 NM. N. of this position.
7. weather clear, visibility unlimited.

Comment: Fireball

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Memories are those of a
"bolide" i. e. fireball. As has been
proven, the height at which observers were
located would tend to heighten the illusion
of nearness, as well as produce a clear, striking
picture of the objects, free from atmospheric haze and
other limitations